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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 4,948,227, to TAKEYASU, issued August 14, 1990;

U.S. Patent No. 5,812,889, to NOMURA et al., issued September 22, 1998; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,937,215, to MOGAMIYA, issued August 10, 1999.

Copies of the U.S. patents are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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